

Washington State Cancer Registry Chapter 246-102 WAC Pre-CR102 Discussion Draft Announcement

January 5, 2010

Discussion Draft Rule Language

As you may know, the Department of Health is reviewing the current Cancer Registry Rules (Chapter 246-102 of the Washington Administrative Code). We held a series of public rulemaking workshops in September and October. After gathering valuable input from our partners, we are ready to begin discussion on the draft rule language.

We have reviewed the Cancer Registry Rules and your input and have incorporated these things into a discussion draft:

- 1. Better ways to describe the current activities and responsibilities of WSCR.
- 2. The requirements outlined by the National Program of Cancer Registries Program Standards issued in July 2007.
- 3. Clarified reporting responsibilities of hospitals and medical centers, health care providers, ambulatory surgery centers, freestanding radiation/oncology treatment centers, and laboratories;
- 4. Edited current language to improve understanding; and
- 5. Eliminated outdated or unnecessary provisions.

We are now ready to share our discussion draft with you. At the suggestion of several of our partners, we will have a "roll out" of the draft using video conferencing.

<u>Date and Locations for the Discussion Draft</u>

January 7, 2010 1:00 pm

Tumwater

Point Plaza East Building, Conference Room 152, 310 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater 98501

Spokane Valley

Department of Health, Conference Room 118, 16201 E. Indiana Ave, Spokane Valley 99216

Shoreline

Seattle Public Health Lab, Conference Room S4, 1610 NE 150th St, Shoreline 98155

Richland

Department of Health, Conference Room 1, 309 Bradley Blvd., Richland 99352

How to participate

If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Luisa Parada Estrada, Legislative and Policy Coordinator, Washington State Department of Health at 360-236-3719 or Luisa.Estrada@doh.wa.gov. Indicate which location you will be using. If you have any special needs that we need to accommodate, please notify Luisa at least 10 working days in advance of the workshop.

In addition to any of the Department of Health office locations noted above, if you have your own videoconferencing capabilities and prefer not to travel to one of the Department of Health locations, let us know and we can activate a connection to your site. For details and assistance, please contact Luisa Parada Estrada at 360-236-3719 or Luisa.Estrada@doh.wa.gov

Rulemaking workshop information, including other ways to provide comments, a copy of the current chapter of the Cancer Registry rules, and a copy of National Program of Cancer Registries standards are available at: http://www.doh.wa.gov/Rules/schedule.htm

You may also send your comments or questions to: CancerRegistry.Rule@doh.wa.gov

What happens next?

Your comments on the discussion draft will be taken until January 29, 2010. We will take all comments into consideration and then draft the proposed rule language. We will then formally begin the CR-102 rulemaking process. The proposed rule will be released to the public. A formal public hearing, or hearings, will be scheduled in the spring. Our goal is to make the rule effective by the end of summer 2010.